GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1686
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LOSS DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantity of foodgrains procured in various States particularly Chhattisgarh rotted due to lack of storage space;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise indicating the value of foodgrains destroyed; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check such losses in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. As on 1-2-2005, against the total storage capacity of 259.95 lakh MTs, the FCI has stocks of foodgrains to the tune of 125.99 lakh tonnes only. Chattisgarh State has adopted decentralised procurement system for paddy and the State Government has reported that no paddy was damaged due to lack of storage space in the State. The FCI has also reported that they have a total storage capacity of 6.51 lakh MTs in the State against 5.97 lakh MTs of paddy stock delivered by the State agencies and no stock was damaged due to lack of storage space.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.